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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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MEMBER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
U.S. House of Representatives
2429 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hunter:

The Committee hereby notifies you that your recent guilty plea in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California for a crime for which, under federal law, you may receive a sentence of two or more years of imprisonment, brings into operation House Rule XXIII (the Code of Official Conduct), clause 10(a). This rule provides that any Member convicted of any such crime

should refrain from voting on any question at a meeting of the House or of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, unless or until judicial or executive proceedings result in reinstatement of the presumption of the innocence of such Member or until the Member is reelected to the House after the date of such conviction.

This provision of House Rules was promulgated to preserve public confidence in the legislative process when a sitting Member of Congress has been convicted of a serious crime. Although, as the relevant legislative history indicates, this provision is not mandatory, we emphasize in the strongest possible terms that if you violate the clear principles of this provision – that is, for example, by voting in the House – you risk subjecting yourself to action by this Committee, and by the House, in addition to any other disciplinary action that may be initiated in connection with your criminal conviction.

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This letter will be released publicly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact, through your counsel, the Committee's Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Tom Rust, at 5-7103.



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Sincerely,



Kenny Marchant
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